

# NEWS AND GOSSIP OF FRATERNITIES

## RECHABITE TENTS ARE PROSPEROUS

New Members Initiated at Meetings Held During Past Week.

South Washington Tent, No. 1068, Independent Order of Rechabites, initiated seven candidates at their meeting in the Baptist Chapel on Fourth and a-half street southwest, near N. Monday evening, making thirty-one additions this quarter.

R. H. Sorrell, chief ruler, presided, and Miss Emma J. Murray recorded the minutes. Remarks were made under good of the order, by the chief ruler and secretary, Mrs. Grigsby, deputy ruler; W. E. Moore, treasurer; Samuel Howison, shepherd; Mr. Tunstall, Mr. Dougherty, Mr. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. E. J. Warren, Miss Hattie Whitshire, Miss Mabel Ranne, Past High Chief Ruler John C. Moore, J. Griffin, Karl Hoffman, and A. S. Woodland, of Onward Tent, No. 1021, and others. Past High Representative Vowles insists that South Washington will be the banner tent of the Order by the time the High Tent meets at Jamestown, Va., in September.

Golden Rule Tent, No. 1064, initiated one candidate at their meeting in Rechabite Hall, 304 B street southeast, Monday evening. Under good of the order Mrs. Fannie Cordell, of Onward Tent, presided. Remarks were made by Past High Chief Ruler John C. Moore, Col. James C. Lee, Past High Chief Ruler John E. Mahoney, Mrs. Olivia Mockabee, Mrs. Annie Mockabee, Miss Julia Eller, Miss Rose Boston, High Chief Ruler Cordell, Miss Amy L. Bickerton, S. D. Tennyson, Miss Agnes C. Mockabee, Mrs. Lola V. Marks, Mrs. Laura Dickey, Miss Mabel Minnich, Past High Chief Ruler John C. Moore, Mr. John T. Mockabee, Charles W. S. Barnes, Miss May E. Campbell, Mrs. Sadie E. Hisey, Mrs. Hattie E. Lovell, Mrs. Mamie Steves, Mrs. M. E. Salkeld, Miss May Eller, Miss Ruth E. Crawford, Mrs. S. E. Whithead, and Charles E. Cook.

Harmony Tent, No. 1020, met Tuesday evening in Rechabite Temple, 642 Louisiana avenue northwest, and returned to pay a fraternal visit to Advance Tent, No. 1003, in the American Life Insurance Building, Fifth and G streets northwest, after initiating one candidate. The Advance Tent joint meeting was presided over by N. Elwyn Vowles, of Harmony Tent. Remarks under good of the order were made by the chairman, Mr. Vowles, Lambert D. Taylor, Daniel Driscoll, James B. Hughes, John T. Mockabee, Thomas Sutton, William B. Mills, C. Cook, W. H. Lawson, James Malone, J. H. Bartlett, J. T. Rolif, and James Clemenson, of Harmony Tent; Arthur S. Woodland, John I. Bunch, Jenkins S. Wright, and High Chief Ruler Cordell, of Advance Tent. Secretary Moore, of High Correspondence Tent, No. 1069; W. Smith, W. W. Burlew, T. W. Newman, and J. H. Robinson, of Advance Tent. It was decided to continue the fraternal visits inaugurated until all tents in the District had become acquainted with the spirit of the winter campaign inaugurated by some tents nearly four months ago.

Onward Tent, No. 1021, received four additions to their membership at their meeting in the American Home Life Insurance Building, Fifth and G streets northwest, Wednesday evening. Miss Dessie Bower presided and Miss Amy Bickerton recorded the minutes.

Under the good of the order remarks were made by Sgt. James T. Rolif, High Corresponding Secretary John C. Moore, N. Elwyn Vowles, Miss Virgie Thompson, Miss Blanche Ogles, Mrs. Jessie B. Thompson, Miss Agnes C. Mockabee, Mrs. Olivia Mockabee, Mrs. M. E. Hoy, Mrs. C. M. Depolly, Mrs. C. O. Latham, Mrs. Fannie Cordell and others. During the social hour the young people played games and "school." Past High Chief Ruler John T. Mockabee made an interesting talk during the evening.

Visitors were present during the evening and High Chief Ruler Cordell extended an invitation to those present to visit Perseverance Tent, No. 1008, in Alexandria tomorrow evening, leaving the Twelfth street electric car station at 7:10.

John B. Henderson Tent, No. 1009, received an application for membership Thursday evening and assurances that five other candidates would join next meeting night. Under good of the order remarks were made by Arthur S. Woodland, William C. Van Matre, William H. Gray, William A. Ridgely, Jr., High Corresponding Secretary John C. Moore, of Advance Tent, No. 1009, and others, after which refreshments were served.

The committee on anniversary reported that arrangements were progressing satisfactorily for a big time April 4, and the committee would further consider plans at the residence of John I. Bunch, 50 H street northwest, this afternoon.

Perseverance Tent, No. 1008, of Alexandria, met last Monday evening in Rechabite Hall. After the transaction of considerable routine business interest of good of the order remarks were made by Lambert D. Lyles, George Sullivan, W. A. Langley, Levi Hoffman, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Mansfield, and J. H. Bartlett.

It was announced that preparations were being made to receive a delegation of Washington Rechabites tomorrow evening.

Purity Tent, No. 4, held an interesting meeting Thursday evening in Rechabite Temple, 633 Louisiana avenue northwest, Mrs. L. P. Murray, Mrs. Sue U. Burlew, J. J. Murray, C. O. Cook, and others made remarks.

Eagle Tent, No. 2, initiated four candidates Thursday evening. Remarks were made by Dr. W. S. Barnes, George A. Root, and Past High Chief Ruler Mahoney, under good of the order.

Eastern Tent, No. 35, initiated two candidates Friday evening.

The entertainment given by Advance Tent, No. 1000, Friday evening, was one of the best the order has given in a long time and reflected much credit upon those in charge of the affair, among whom were John C. Moore, J. P. O'Connor, W. Newman, Samuel Walker, E. Columbus, and J. H. Robinson.

## AMERICAN PEN WOMEN HAVE PLEASANT SESSION

The League of American Pen Women met in the study room of the Public Library on Monday evening last, with the president, Mrs. Virginia King Frye, in the chair. A portion of the evening was spent in searching through the various magazines for the work of league members, a number of articles being found.

The president read several letters; one from Mrs. Moore Murdock, of Texas, whose communications are always welcome; a very interesting missive from Mrs. Rachel Touge Beck, written from Camp Columbia, Havana, Cuba, and a letter of thanks from T. Jackson Seay, of the Industrial Educational League of the South, for the assistance rendered by the League American Pen Association in promoting the recent benefit lecture by Mrs. L. J. Young White, which had been the means of adding many dollars to the treasury of the Educational League. Mrs. Babbitt read a letter from Mrs. Sadie Kneller Miller, of Baltimore, Md., written from Miami, Fla., and Miss White read a communication from William Ashbrook, secretary of the National Educational Association, in reference to setting aside a day at the Jamestown Exposition for the league. This was taken under consideration.

Mrs. White, chairman of the lecture bureau committee, reported the selection of Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes and Mrs. Christine Walton Dunlap as assistants in this work. Miss White moved that a copy of the lecture notes be sent to Hayden Flinn, of Philadelphia, for her charming lecture on the "Yellowstone Park," which was carried with unanimity. Mrs. Morgan moved that the sympathy of the league be extended to its treasurer, Miss Mae Ruth Norcross, in her illness, and it was directed that the corresponding secretary send a letter of regret and sympathy, accompanied by flowers.

Three writers of eminence made a notable addition to the list of honorary members, Mrs. Anne Hillingsworth Wharton, Miss Agnes Repplier, and Mrs. Florence Earle Coates.

The meeting was attended by one of the recently acquired members, the Tennessee poetess, Miss Garnet Noel Wilsey.

A mid-monthly meeting of the league will be held at the Ontario, with literary features, to which visitors will be welcomed.

## UNITY CLUB ATTENDS LECTURE ON EGYPT

The parlors of the W. C. T. U. building, 522 Sixth street, were crowded last Tuesday evening, the occasion being the regular meeting of the Unity Club. An entertaining lecture on "Egypt," was given by Dr. William A. Croffut. The speaker threw a flood of light on the customs and religion of this ancient country, enlivening his address at times with a humorous note.

The first number of the program was an artistic instrumental performance of Rubinstein's "Karnegie Overture," by Miss Miriam Selah. M. F. O'Donoghue then gave a recital of "Laska." Miss Sue H. Murray rendered "The Confession," with fine dramatic skill, and S. K. Hall added the humorous note by his recital of "St. Peter's Mistake." The evening closed with a piano solo, McDowell's "The Water Lily," by Miss Miriam Selah.

## MODERN WOODMEN HOLD AN ADOPTION CLASS

Washington Camp, No. 1164, Modern Woodmen of America, will have a class adoption on Thursday night, March 14, at Typographical Temple. A cordial invitation is extended to all members of the Modern Woodmen in the city. Refreshments will be served.

## W. C. T. U. MOTHERS' CLUB DISCUSSES IDEAL HOME

The Mothers' Club of the Mt. Pleasant Woman's Christian Temperance Union held a very profitable meeting recently at the home of Mrs. A. B. Carty, 124 Harvard street. "The Ideal Home" was the subject considered, and a paper was read by Mrs. R. B. Hitchcock, followed by a general discussion. Mrs. F. P. Wilson contributed an article on "The Relation of Mother and Daughter." A short biographical sketch of John Howard Payne was read by Miss Banes, after the singing of his famous song, "Home, Sweet Home," by the company. Miss Harriet H. Thompson recited "An Anti-Salmon Sermon." Refreshments were served. About twenty were in attendance. The superintendent of the cradle roll department, Mrs. P. P. Wilson, secured several names for membership.

## "THE WASHINGTONIANS" ELECT OFFICERS

The Washingtonians held their semi-annual election of officers on last Monday evening at the home of Miss Annie Harmon, 119 Sixth street northwest. The following officers were elected: President, C. W. Phelps; vice president, Annie Harmon; secretary, R. T. Bricker; assistant secretary, H. B. Bowman; treasurer, M. J. Giddings Willett. After the transaction of important business the evening was devoted to music and games, also recitations. Miss Slater, E. Ireland, and Mr. Holt rendered some very popular selections on the piano; vocal solos by Misses Harmon and Appleby, Messrs. Bowman and Chase; recitations by Misses Ireland and Saxty and others. The club will meet on Monday evening at the home of M. J. Giddings Willett, 1230 B street southeast.

## TRUTH WILL OUT.

A Holton man, who is noted for his perfect self-possession and polished manners, tells this story on himself. When he gave a ring to his best girl he intended to say: "Dearest, here is a ring I have bought to adorn your finger, and now it is all entwined with my undying affection for you." What he did say was: "Here's a ring. I bought it for you, and it was too small. You might as well have it."—Kansas City Journal.

## SOME WEALTHY POSTMEN.

Several New York postmen, according to the World, have made fortunes of more than \$200,000. These men, although independently wealthy through extra effort during leisure hours, still trudge from house to house daily with mailbags and whistle, content to accept a salary of \$1,000 a year which Uncle Sam provides for his postmen. In every case the fortunes were made through shrewd investment in real estate.

## NATIONAL UNION COUNCIL HOLDS CROWDED MEETINGS

Central Council, No. 219, National Union held its regular meeting at its hall, American Home Life Building, Fifth and G streets northwest, on Tuesday evening last. There was a large number of members in attendance, and an entertainment of good speeches was provided. Friend A. Wasserson, of Roger E. Council of Baltimore made the principal address of the evening, based on the subject of entertainment in councils. Friend I. Small's remarks on the idea of cheap insurance as being paramount to social considerations were practical and to the point. C. F. Mallard, of National Capital Council, spoke in relation to the good influence the new National Club will have on the councils in this jurisdiction.

The meeting of Dahlgren Council, No. 1003, at its hall, 390 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, Thursday evening last, was well attended. Friend William Wunder presided in his usual graceful manner. Friend Leonard Nachman, the genial financial secretary, was heard at his best in the few remarks made by him on the good of the order.

Washington Council, No. 205, met at Schmidt's Hall, 516 Ninth street northwest, on Friday evening last. President Frank C. Stratton made a few well-timed remarks on the entertainment to be given by the National Union Club on March 20, next. He was followed in the same vein by Senator Martin S. Decker in a humorous speech, which was well received by the members present.

National Capital Council, No. 47, met at National Capital Bank Hall, 316 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, on Friday evening last. Although small in numbers, it is the intention of this council to give a complimentary progressive entertainment to its members at its next regular meeting, and from the interest taken by those attending to the matter it will be a great success.

The entertainment and dance to be given by the National Union Club, March 20, at Typographical Temple, 423 G street northwest, seems to be occupying the principal attention of the councils in this jurisdiction.

## HELIOTROPE CIRCLE INITIATES MEMBERS

The Ladies' Heliotrope Auxiliary of Dupont Circle, No. 436, P. H. C., held its regular meeting on Monday evening, in the home of Mrs. Sallie Licht, 432 E street. One new member was initiated. Mrs. Sharf. After the business session the ladies and their friends had supper. Frank Gilbert presiding at the punch bowl. The dining room and table were decorated very beautifully with cut flowers, heliotrope and red, white and blue ribbon, the colors of the order.

## GRAND CASTLE KNIGHTS ELECT A GRAND HERALD

J. T. Hatton was elected last week to the office of grand sir herald of the Grand Castle of the District of Columbia Knights of the Grand Castle. Mr. Hatton is also master of records in Cyrus Castle.

## NAVY RELIEF SOCIETY FORMS AUXILIARY HERE

There was a large meeting of the Navy Relief Society at the Commandant's House navy yard, March 6. The object of the meeting was to establish an auxiliary in the District of Columbia. In the absence of the president of the society, Admiral Dewey, Rear Admiral O'Neill presided. The treasurer, Rear Admiral Keen read an interesting report on the financial condition of the society. Lieut. Commander Spencer Wood made a most forcible and touching address which deeply impressed his audience and assured the success of the newly formed auxiliary.

## PHYSICIAN AND AUTOMOBILE HAVE LIVELY FORTNIGHT

"An automobile is a fine thing to own, provided that you are rich enough to afford the luxury of a hay wagon drawn by four sturdy horses to follow you around for the purpose of hauling a machine to the back of the barn when the inevitable breakdown occurs."

The foregoing is an extract from the philosophical musings of an East Baltimore physician, who, with his streaked with dirt and grime, a monkey-wrench grasped tightly in his right hand, his clothing with his patient exhausted, stood in the middle of the street a few days ago surveying a stalled car.

The owner of the car, who had been stuck for two long weeks. Of course, he said other things, but as the aforesaid physician is regarded as a pious man in the community in which he resides it is best to let the other remarks pass without comment. It is sufficient to say that he was annoyed beyond the endurance point, the steam gauge on the feelings registered a pressure far above the safety point, and he was simply letting off steam in a manner that any man would under similar circumstances.

A fellow-practitioner who still sticks to the antiquated horse and carriage as a mode of locomotion was attracted by the crowd of small boys who had gathered, and on seeing his friend in trouble, stopped for a moment in sympathy. Glad that he had a friend in his hour of distress, the owner of the auto extended his grimy hand and in a voice choked with emotion, said: "Doc, you are a man of more than ordinary ability, and I appreciate the fact that you are sorry for me in this dilemma, but if you are a friend of mine you will at once seek out an experienced physician and have me sent to an insane asylum. In the meantime, hold the car for me, and I will return to you as just what species of fool I belong."

"Why what's the trouble?" asked the friend, in mild surprise at the sudden outburst.

"Trouble," responded the autoist, "oh, I was coming steadily up that blanked street when I saw a pile of wire directly in front of me, and I didn't have horse sense enough to steer clear of it, and now it is all entwined beautifully among the steering gear of the machine."

"Too bad," ventured the friend as he excused himself on the pretense that he had a hurry call to make. Four hours later he happened to pass the same way, and the autoist was still lying on his back under the big tonneau picking out small pieces of wire with the aid of a pair of pliers, and the car so completely covered with grease and dirt that it would have been impossible for even his friends to recognize him at the first glance. He finally got all the wire out, however, but the machinery was so badly damaged that he is now wondering whether to sell the machine for old iron or invest another hundred dollars in having it repaired.

In the two weeks that the physician has been in possession of the horse-

# IRISH-AMERICAN CATHOLIC SOCIETIES

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY ORATOR UNCHOSEN

Everything Else But the Speaker Is Provided For.

P. F. Carr, W. S. Baker, E. F. Cogan, Daniel M. Stanton, Joseph McEnery, Thomas P. O'Dea, and Lawrence Kenney compose the committee which has in hand the social celebration of St. Patrick's Day, under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of the District of Columbia. The affair will be a musical and literary entertainment, to be held at National Rifles Armory, on Sunday evening, March 17, at 8 o'clock. Some of the best talent in the District has been engaged and the indications are that the entertainment will eclipse anything of its kind ever given under similar auspices. It is not definitely decided who will be the orator of the evening, if any, as several of the committee are in favor of eliminating speeches and confining the program to the best musical and literary features. The Ladies' Auxiliary Hibernian Choir will make its second appearance on this occasion, and it is said that they have some special pieces suitable to the day.

The religious celebration of the day will take place at St. Aloysius' Church, at 11 o'clock mass, when the two center altars of that edifice will be given over to the use of the members of the Ancient Order and Ladies' Auxiliary. At least 500 men and 200 women will participate in the religious exercises, which will consist of a solemn high mass with special sermon and music. At 10:30 the members of the A. O. H. will assemble in Gonzaga College Hall, and headed by the drum corps of Gonzaga College cadets, will march in procession to the church. The Rev. E. X. Flinn, pastor of St. Aloysius', is leaving nothing undone to make the religious celebration of St. Patrick's Day one long to be remembered in his parish.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PLAN GENEROUS PROJECTS

Spalding Council of the Knights of Columbus at its meeting last Thursday evening, took action in reference to the proposed assistance to be given hereafter to the local Catholic charitable institutions by the order. A committee was appointed to co-operate with like committees from the other councils, with the object of giving a joint ball in the near future, and which hereafter is to become an annual event. At the meeting of Spalding Council on Thursday evening a collection was taken up by Sir Knight Joseph E. Ralph in aid of the Cathedral fund of Charleston, S. C., which will be dedicated in the near future. Knights and Hibernians all over the country are subscribing generously to aid in the completion of the Cathedral of Charleston, which has on four different occasions been retarded by catastrophes of fire, flood and earthquake.

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## GEORGETOWN A. C. H. HAS CROWDED MEETING

The meeting of Division No. 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians last Sunday in Georgetown was most enthusiastic, and the attendance taxed the capacity of the hall. Division No. 1 embraces within its membership over two hundred of the substantial citizens of Georgetown and vicinity, and besides having a very good treasury, there is fellowship among the membership which is most creditable. The organization pays large amounts for sick and death benefits each year.

## DIVISION 2, A. O. H., CHANGES ITS QUARTERS

Division No. 2 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will meet this afternoon at 2:30 p. m., at Carroll Institute Hall, Tenth and New York avenue. Beginning with the April meeting Division No. 2 will conduct its business at the Eagles Hall, Sixth and E streets northwest. Today's meeting has been called one week ahead of the usual time, because of St. Patrick's Day falling on the third Sunday of March.

## PRESIDENT OF A. O. H. TO VISIT UNIVERSITY

National President Cummings, of the Ancient Order of Hibernians; National Director P. T. Moran, Prof. Joseph E. Dunn, of the Gaelic Choir, Catholic University, and Patrick J. Haldigan, editor of the National Hibernian, will be the guests of Mr. O'Connell next Wednesday, March 13, at the Catholic University of America. Following a conference on the establishment of Hibernian scholarships at the university the guests will be entertained at dinner.

The national board of the A. O. H. is during the coming two years to establish a number of scholarships. This movement, it is said, will open the way to many bright and deserving young men in the States and Territories, whose means at present would not permit them to take a course at the Catholic University. It is said also that this project will develop a stronger interest in the Gaelic revival, and in many other ways enhance the success of the Gaelic chair at the Catholic University, which the Hibernians established ten years ago by the gift of \$50,000. At the conference with Mr. O'Connell next Wednesday the whole subject was discussed and plans fully outlined for the development of the project. On Wednesday evening Mr. Cummings will be entertained in the city by several of the local Hibernian leaders. The national president will speak at a united demonstration of the Hibernians of Lackawanna county, Pa., which will be held in Scranton on Monday evening.

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# Disagrees With Pinchot On Government Salaries

Asks Why United States Should Not Offer to Pay Employees More Money as Private Concerns Do.

To the Editor of The Washington Times: Permit me to express an opinion on that portion of the report of the House Committee on Expenditures in the Agricultural Department relative to an increase in the salaries of the Government employees.

After a careful perusal of the article in your Sunday issue of March 3, in which edition part of the report above referred to is quoted, as well as the opinions of Gifford Pinchot, United States Forester, and Prof. Galloway, of the Bureau of Plant Industry of the Department of Agriculture, it seems to me that the foundation which warrants the views as expressed by these gentlemen is anything but a substantial basis why a general increase of salary should not be made to the Government employees.

Mr. Pinchot states that "the salaries of Government clerks are from 20 to 30 per cent higher than are paid men of the same ability rendering similar service for private parties." In my judgment this statement in itself affords a key to the situation. It is for this very reason that there is in this country today a constant turmoil between employer and employee as regards the wage question, which has been brought about by the increased prices in the necessities of life—a fact conceded to be true not only by the reports of the Census Bureau on this subject, but by any sane person.

As another indication that a general increase in salaries is essential to the welfare of the working classes, I would call attention to the large corporations, which within the last two months, have either been forced or have voluntarily increased the wages to their multitudes of employees. Notwithstanding the enormous profits earned each year by these gigantic corporations and the resulting decrease in dividends from a general increase of salaries.

How are we to care for properly and educate those who will in future decades decide the destiny of this great land, at a wage hardly sufficient to keep body and soul together? Under such conditions, what will the future bring for our dear ones but lack of education, hence a lower class of citizenship, in whose future will lurk strife and disaster as a result of a denial of the proper foundation necessary for a high citizenship? M. A. W.

Washington, D. C., March 9, 1907.

## FIXING PRONUNCIATION OF PROPER NAMES BY LAW

It is "Missouri" with the two "i's" short and no taint of "z" sound in the doubled "a." The Legislature of the State has settled the pronunciation by law, and a good job it is, since comedians have used "Mizzourah" on the stage, and even the Standard Dictionary gives the word "Mizzouri." Other States might adopt this course. Arkansas has done so; the correct pronunciation is "Ark-on-saw." It will probably take a statute to convince Eastern people that the "o" is long in both the first and third syllables of "Oklahoma," and that "Iowah," and "Iowa" is given as in "fare." All the State names that have a Latin or Spanish origin are commonly mispronounced on the first syllable. All the State names that have a Latin or Spanish origin are commonly mispronounced on the first syllable. All the State names that have a Latin or Spanish origin are commonly mispronounced on the first syllable.

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The presence of Thomas F. McNulty, of Baltimore, at the recent Entertainment in this city last Sunday evening, was much appreciated by the audience, before whom he was called four times to sing.

The joint meeting of the local councils of the K. of C., is scheduled for Friday, April 2, at which time the committee assert, a reception will be given to the local Catholic clergy.

## CANAL ACROSS SCOTLAND.

One of the interesting minor canals proposed is that suggested by Sir Charles Campbell to connect the Forth and the Clyde for the use of battleships. The distance is, perhaps, thirty miles, and the path is old sea bottom of loose gravel, not difficult to dig. But of special interest is the proposal to let the tides scour out the channel. It is high water on the west coast when it is low on the east, and the waters of the Clyde rise considerably above the medium level, while those of the Forth fall some 10 feet below the medium level. Therefore, it is suggested that if properly directed the waters of the Clyde may be made at small cost to sweep clear a navigable channel to the German ocean.—Springfield Republican.

## WEALTH OF NATIONS.